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<p align="center">Office Action Summary</p>	Application No. 10/715,480	Applicant(s) CHENG, I-FEN	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 1-13 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 1, it appears that certain phrases in the claim lacks proper wording. For example, the phrase "two upper layers of two first double layer blocks" should read -- two upper layers of the two first double layer blocks -- . Applicant is requested to thoroughly review the claims to appropriate corrections, accordingly.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Regarding claim 1, the specification fails to describe how the stickers are adhered to the blocks to facilitate the performing as described and claimed. For example, it is not clear how the blocks, having the sticker adhered thereto, turn about two parallel axes endlessly.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, it is not clear how the stickers are adhered to the blocks to facilitate the performing as described and claimed. For example, it is not clear how the blocks, having the sticker adhered thereto, turn about two parallel axes endlessly.

Regarding claim 6, it is not clear if the "two outer stickers" recited in line 1 are the same as two of the four outer stickers recited in line 2 of claim 1.

Regarding claim 8, it is not clear if the "two inner stickers" recited in line 1 are the same as two of the four inner stickers recited in line 3 of claim 1.

Regarding claims 10-13, in several instances, the claims recite the assembly has a section of a particular shape. It is not clear if the section of the assembly has a shape of that particular shape. In other words, for example, it is not clear if the section of the assembly has a shape as a polygon.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims having all the elements of claim 1 and which is definite per the conditions set forth in 35 USC 112, 1st and 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph would be considered to avoid the prior art of record.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Abu-Shumays et al teaches a star prism puzzles generalized.

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Morosow et al teaches rotating amusement device. Nesis teaches amusement device of shifting block type. Hrsel et al teaches a three-dimensional puzzle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bena Miller whose telephone number is 703.305.0643. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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March 18, 2004